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A Trade Fair has been opened here. There was so much indecision about the [Indonesian] government giving its blessing to it for so long that it was finally finished in a hurry so that it could be opened. They are still doing some work on it. It now has government approval, but many countries, including the US, did not do anything about exhibits because everything was so undecided. The Philippines' exhibit is not yet finished. The only really good exhibit is the Communist China, and that is exceptionally good. It cost something between  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and three million rupiahs, I have heard, and the money and labor was donated by local Chinese. It seems to be making a real impression on the masses here, but I have not read anything about it in the English language paper. The rest of the exhibits are the usual thing, and have made no great impression.

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